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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: FY 67 [] Management

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1. On this date, the undersigned met with George Miller, D/OEL, to discuss the financial management of the FY 67 [] account. I pointed out to Mr. Miller that OSA was not attempting to disassociate itself completely from the [] program, but rather trying to put it in proper perspective vis-a-vis the new NRO Agreement and the D/Recon/CIA; specifically, that we felt we could now assume that Mr. Miller was Program Director of [] in the same way as Gen. Ledford is for OXCART and IDEALIST. Obviously, OSA does have a vested interest in many aspects of [] from a technical and requirement point of view and must maintain close liaison in these areas.

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2. After considerable discussion on the subject, Mr. Miller agreed that he should accept the financial responsibility for [] and in so doing would assume funding approval authority vice Gen. Ledford. He also agreed that OSA should remain intimately familiar with the program from the technical and requirements aspect.

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3. While Mr. Miller readily agreed to the above philosophy, he was extremely reluctant (as a matter of fact, opposed) to "rocking the boat" at this time. His reasoning was that until it became clearer just what impact the DD/S&T "Staff's" role in all this was to be, he felt much more comfortable sharing our nest rather than being forced to fly alone fearing that [] would be easier prey by itself. I indicated to Mr. Miller that we shared his concern regarding the Staff and that if he felt this strongly about it, we would be willing to honor his request and continue as the deus ex machina for approving [] funds for the time being. However, I indicated we would look to his Programs Branch to keep us advised as to their reprogramming actions and funds status as funding approvals were requested. He agreed completely with this and said he would so instruct [] Chief, Programs Branch, OEL.

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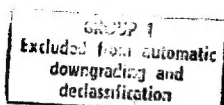
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4. It was felt that as soon as the air cleared we would review the subject again and effect the transfer of funding approval authority at that time. Additionally, Mr. Miller agreed to the designation of an OSA technical representative to attend all OEL Program Review Board meetings to cover OSA's technical and requirements interests. I would recommend that MD/OSA officially designate someone from AVIONICS and so inform Mr. Miller.

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